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1. NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE MORO-MUSLIM LIBERATION FRONT CONVENED HERE IN TRIPOLI DECEMBER 15. ACCORDING TO LOCAL MEDIA, 25-MEMBER PHILIPPINE DELEGATION IS LED BY PHILIPPINE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE BARERO. REPRESENTING THE MORO-MUSLIM LIBERATION FRONT ARE CHAIRMAN NURI MUSWARI, PRESIDENT OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SALLAMAT HAASAM, SECRETARY GENERAL OF FOREIGN RELATIONS ABDEL BAAQI ABU BAKR, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL JAMEL YAHYAH, HEAD OF MILITARY PROCUREMENT DR. TAM MANQUSAA, PRESIDENT OF THE OFFICE FRONT ABDEL RASHAAD ASANI. NEGOTIATIONS ARE ALSO BEING ATTENDED BY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ISLAMIC COUNCIL AHMED KHARIM JAIE AND ARIF MAWAI.

2. CHAIRMAN OF THE MORO-MUSLIM LIBERATION FRONT NURI MISWARI ISSUED STATEMENT ON EVE OF NEGOTIATIONS EXPRESS-ING "HOPE THAT THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT WOULD RESPOND
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POSITIVELY TO THE DEMAND FOR AUTONOMY IN THE FORTHCOMING

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NEGOTIATIONS HERE." MUSWARI INDICATED TO PRESS THAT
MUSLIMS WERE "ONLY ASKING FOR AUTONOMY AND NOT SEPARATION
AS THE MARCOS GOVERNMENT CLAIMS." THE MORO FRONT CHAIRMAN
STATED THAT THE GUIDELINES OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE TO
BE BASED ON A WORKING PAPER PREPARED BY A FOUR-PARTY
COMMITTEE OF THE ISLAMIC COUNCIL.

COMMENT: CONSIDERABLE SIZE OF DELEGATIONS SUGGESTS
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN BOTH PARTIES WILL BE ARDUOUS AND
PERHAPS LENGTHY. A MORO-MUSLIM FRONT CHAIRMAN EXPRESSED
OPTIMISM THAT TALKS WILL BE FRUITFUL PROBABLY STEMS
FROM UNDISCLOSED GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY ISLAMIC
COUNCIL MEMBERS FOREIGN MINIKTER HASSANI SECK OF SENEGAL,
SOMALI MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR GENERAL MOHAMMAD
DARMAN AND LIBYAN MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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